

qualify. The members of the boards shall be appointed solely because of their character and fitness and without regard to political affiliation, but no person shall be appointed to a board NOR MAY ANY PERSON IN ANY COUNTY SERVE who is in any way subject to its authority. The State Superintendent of Schools, by and with the approval of the Governor, may remove any member of a board appointed under the provisions of this section for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty, giving to him a copy of the charges against him, and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If any member of the county board shall be so removed, the State Superintendent of Schools shall file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county for which the member was appointed, if the member so requests, a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings hereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. Vacancies on any of the county boards, except in CHARLES, Howard, Montgomery and Washington counties, for any cause shall be filled by the the Governor for the unexpired term and until a successor shall qualify. Any member of a board shall be eligible for reappointment unless otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this section. [provided however:] HOWEVER, (1) That no person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms and (2) That an incumbent member of a county board serving a full term as of July 1, 1969, shall be eligible for one additional full term.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

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## CHAPTER 169

(House Bill 1166)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(p) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," to change the salary of the Sheriff of Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 37(p) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

(p) The Sheriff of Prince George's County shall receive an annual salary of [eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)] TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$25,500.00) per year, be provided with an automobile during his term as Sheriff for the use and work of his office, maintenance for the automobile to be at the cost of the county and up to one thousand dollars, (\$1,000) per year for expenses which are incurred for the use and work of his office, an accounting of which expenses must be submitted to the director of finance of Prince George's County for approval. All full-time employees, including deputy sheriffs, and correctional officers of all ranks appointed by the Sheriff or assigned to him in the budget of Prince George's County, shall be subject to the county's merit system as to qualifications, compensation and other regulations, with the